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Randy Crane

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1965
Education: Texas 1985 BA, 1987 JD
Began Service: March 27, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Associate, Atlas & Hall, LLP

Staff

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Keith Paty Ellison
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Harvard 1972 AB;
Oxford (UK) 1974 BA; Yale 1976 JD
Began Service: August 2, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1976-1977); Law Clerk The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Conner & Winters (1978-1984); Partner, Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton, L.L.P. (1985-1986); Partner, Baker and Botts (1986-1994); Of Counsel, Caddell & Conwell (1994-1996); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Keith P. Ellison (1996-1999)

Current Memberships: Yale Law School Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; The American Law Institute; Association of American Rhodes Scholars; Council on Foreign Relations; Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Vanessa D. Gilmore

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: Hampton 1977 BS; Houston 1981 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston

Legal Practice: Associate, Vickery & Kilbride (1981-1985); Associate, Sue Schechter & Associates (1985-1986); Partner, Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery (1986-1994)

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Andrew S. Hanen

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: Denison 1975 BA; Baylor 1978 JD
Began Service: June 6, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Briefing Attorney The Honorable Joe Greenhill, Supreme Court of Texas (1978-1979)

Legal Practice: Associate, Andrews Kurth LLP (1979-1986); Partner, Andrews Kurth LLP (1986-1993); Partner, Hanen, Alexander, Johnson & Spalding, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

Staff

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Melinda Harmon

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD
Began Service: 1989
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

Legal Practice: Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

Current Memberships: Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Ricardo H. Hinojosa

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Texas 1972 BA; Harvard 1975 JD
Began Service: May 21, 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Affiliation: Chair (Acting), United States Sentencing Commission

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas M. Reavley, Texas Supreme Court (1975-1976)

Government: Commissioner, United States Sentencing Commission

Legal Practice: Associate and Partner, Ewers & Toothaker (1976-1983)

Staff

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Kenneth M. Hoyt

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Texas Southern 1969 AB, 1972 JD
Began Service: April 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Instructor, South Texas College of Law (1981-1982); Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University (1983-1984)

Judicial: Presiding Judge, Texas District Court, 125th Civil District (1981-1982); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1985-1988)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones (1972-1975); Partner, Anderson, Hodge, Jones & Hoyt (1975-1979); Partner, Hoyt, Webster & Andrews (1979-1981); Private Practice (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1972-1978)

Current Memberships: National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Term Expires: September 2010
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Lynn Nettleton Hughes

District Judge

Education: Alabama 1963 BA; Texas 1966 JD; Virginia 1992 LLM
Began Service: December 17, 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law (1973-2003); Advisor, European Community (1989); Chair, Board of Advisors, Houston Journal of International Law (1989-1999); Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Texas at Austin (1990-1991); Advisor, Republic of Moldova's Constitution (1993); Advisor, Romanian privatization (1997); Advisor, George Mason University (1999)

Judicial: Judge, 165th Judicial District of Texas (1979-1980); Judge, 189th Judicial District of Texas (1981-1985)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1966-1972); Partner, Howard & Hughes (1973-1979)

Current Memberships: The American Law Institute; American Society for Legal History; Council on Foreign Relations; State Bar of Texas

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